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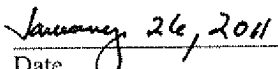
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5. We are the coauthors of the Wright and Conticello reference.

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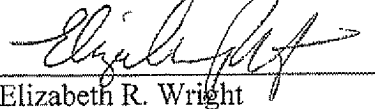
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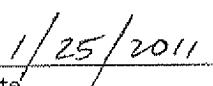
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